Induction of Women into Indian Navy

1356. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under government's consideration to induct women into Indian Navy?

(b) if so, the various kinds of posts in which they are likely to be recruited ; and

(c) the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LALIT VIJAY SINGH) : (a) to (c) The Naval Hqrs have been mooted a proposal for the induction of women in the Education, Logistics and Law cadres of the Indian Navy, where the job requirements are of an administrative nature. A final view in the matter is yet to be taken by the Government.

Scholarhsip to SC/ST Students for undergoing higher studies abroad

1357. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to give passage grant and scholarships to SC and ST students to undergo higher studies in other countries ;

(b) if so, the number of SC and ST students proposed to be sent abroad under the scheme during the 1990-91 ; and

(c) the details of the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJILAL SUMAN) : (a) and (b) The Ministry of Welfare has a passage Grant and National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes etc. Students to pursue higher studies abroad. During the year 1990-91, 9 passage grants and 25 National Overseas Awards are available under the scheme.

(c) Passage Grants under the Passage Grants Scheme are provided to those students who are already in receipt of a merit scholarship from a foreign government/ organisation or under any other scheme where cost of passage is not given for pursuing post graduate studies, research or training. Scholarships during 1990-91 under National Overseas Scholarship Scheme are offered for pursuing Bachelor's Degree in Printing Technology, Post-Graduation in Naval Architecture/Off-shore structures, automation and robotics, reliablity engineering, laser technology and paper technology and also Post-Graduate studies leading to Ph. D and Post Doctoral research/ Specialised training in such disciplines where suitable facilities are not available in India. These awards are not available for Agriculture and allied subjects and veterinary sciences, medical sciences and subjects/fields relating to Indian studies. Only one child of the same parents/ guardian is eligible for the scholarship. The candidate should not be more than 35 years of age as on 1st October of year of award. This is relaxable upto 3 years in case of candidates well qualified as decided by the Selection Committee.

The prevailing rates of scholarships are as follows :—

(a) *Maintenance allowance* : Maintenace allowance @ US $ 5,400 per annum for graduate studies, US $ 6,000 per annum for Post Graduate and Ph.D courses, US $ 7,000 per annum for Post Doctoral courses

(b) An allowance upto US $ 350 per annum to meet actual cost